

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: March 12, 2015

Agenda Item: Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

FWP is recommending that the Commission adopt a Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule. The rule pertains to:

- Fees (camping, group use permits, facility rentals, special recreation permits)
- Stipulations on camping at fishing access sites
- Group Use Permit requirements (groups of more than 30 people)
- Special Recreation Permit requirements (permit system in place on the Blackfoot and Madison rivers for commercial use, competitive events, organized group activities)

The new rule would replace the current FAS Annual Rule, which was adopted by the Commission in February 2014. The proposed rule doesn't contain any changes to the current rule.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Upon approval of the proposed rule by the Commission in January, FWP conducted a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received on the proposal.

Alternatives & Analysis

The Commission could adopt or deny the rule as proposed. If the Commission chooses to make amendments to the proposed rule, a new public comment period would be required before final adoption could occur.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission adopt the FAS Biennial Rule as presented. The public has not provided any comments on this proposal, and FWP has not identified the need for any changes to the rule at this time.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission adopt the Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule.